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Next Thursday is Thanksgiving day.

How have the mighty fallen! Admiral Dewey has given the house presented to him by the American people to his wife.

The whole nation, without regard to party affiliation, mourns the death of Vice-President Hobart, which occurred at 3:30 Tuesday morning.

The Club Woman's Magazine, published at New York by that clever woman, Mrs. Ada Brown Talbot, gives promise of becoming a most popular periodical and one which is sure to do much for the advancement of woman and the upbuilding of organized effort as represented by women's clubs.

An interesting ceremony occurred in the woman's building at Memphis, on Monday night, when the flag of the Fourth Tennessee regiment, which was presented to it by the Sarah Law Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, was returned to the donors for safe keeping. The feature of the evening was the eloquent address delivered by our own Col. Harvey H. Hannah, who won all hearts by his glowing tribute to the flag, the soldier boys and the Southern women. He closed by saying: "Oh, Daughters of the Confederacy, take our flag—you have already our hearts."

The first annual meeting of the Tennessee Woman's Press Club meets in Nashville the 5th and 6th of December. One very interesting number on the program will be the ten-minute speeches by three prominent men and three equally well known women editors. The regular officers of this organization are: Mrs. Grace McGowan Cook, of Chattanooga, president; Mrs. Annie B. McKinney, of Knoxville, vice-president; Mrs. Elizabeth Fry Page, of Nashville, secretary, and Mrs. Flournoy Rivers, of Pulaski, treasurer. Some writers who have attained a national reputation will also be present—among them Mrs. Martha McCullough Williams, of New York, Miss Will Allen Dromgoole and Sarah Barnwell Elliott, author of "Jerry."

## THE "FIGHTING FIRST."

given a warm welcome on their arrival at San Francisco, November 12th. They were met by a delegation of ladies from Nashville, and as the companies were drawn up each man was crowned with a wreath of laurel, and a bunch of beautiful flowers was stuck in the muzzle of every gun. After all was ready Congressmen Gaines introduced General W. M. Brandon, representing Governor McMillin, who made a most eloquent address of welcome. This over, the regiment marched through packed streets out to the Presidio, where they were reviewed by General Miles and General Shafter. The ceremonies were concluded by a grand banquet at the Mechanics' Pavilion.

## THE McCLURE-HARPER DEAL.

So the consolidation of McClure's and Harper's is really off. The New York Times of Saturday gives this statement of Mr. McClure:

"S. S. McClure, of the firm of Doubleday & McClure, publishers, yesterday made a statement regarding the arrangements with Harper & Brothers for a merger of the interests of the two firms, which have now fallen through. Mr. McClure said:

"It is suggested in the newspapers this morning that some of the Messrs. Harper disapproved of the arrangements made with us last summer. This is a mistake. The facts are: In June we obtained an option on certain stock of Harper & Brothers; part of the stock of each stockholder was included in the option. There were only seven stockholders, and each one was a party to the transaction and was present when the arrangement was made. About two weeks ago we informed Messrs. Harper & Brothers that we would surrender the option. This we did last week. We will carry out the plans for encyclopedia and other enterprises which we hoped to undertake in connection with Harper & Brothers."

Aside from the general literary interest, there is a personal interest attached to this in Knoxville. Mrs. Mary Lorton Finley, so well known in our society, is the widow of the former manager of McClure's, and sister-in-law of the present manager.

## Uncle Sam's Post.

The postoffice business in this country is enormous. During the last postoffice year 3,615,092,000 letters and 573,034,000 postal cards were carried through the mails. Besides these were carried 2,169,892,000 packages of printed matter. The postages paid on the letters and postal cards amounted to \$87,280,654, and the revenue from the printed matter carried was only \$3,527,032. The number of postage stamps sold was 4,917,389,025, valued at \$90,151,859.71. Over \$112,500,000 worth of stamped envelopes were sold. A vast deal of mail matter is sent free through the mails by the government and under congressional franchises. The congressional use of the mails amounts to a gross abuse.

# THE WOMAN'S CONGRESS.

The last week of the Alabama State Fair, held at Birmingham, from the 7th to the 17th of November, was a splendid success from every point of view—in number of attendance from all parts of the State and of adjacent States, in the absolute perfection of the bright, sunny autumn weather, and in the number and variety of entertainments presented. By no means the least of these attractions was the series of brilliant sessions of the Woman's Congress given under the auspices of the Birmingham Woman's Club. On Monday evening Miss L. Graham Crozier opened the Congress in an address on "Is there a Science of Society?" Along the line of industrial education, as indicated in this address, Miss Crozier has made so thorough a study, practical as well as scientific, as to be recognized as one of the highest authorities, not only among Southern educators, but among those from all parts of the land. In a new and progressive city like Birmingham, with a labor union numbering 12,000, the tremendous importance of industrial education at once awoke a responsive chord in the large audience, and never in Miss Crozier's many successes as a lecturer has she achieved a greater triumph than on this occasion.

On Wednesday morning the second session of the Congress was under the direction of Mrs. George C. Ball, of Birmingham, one of the brainy newspaper women of the South—an all-round woman, such as the South pre-eminently produces, the owner and manager of her own weekly magazine, an active club woman, an enthusiastic Daughter of the American Revolution, and a most gracious and accomplished society woman. Among the notable speakers at this session was Mrs. William King, of the Atlanta Constitution, a woman of marked individuality, and the mother-in-law of the late Henry Grady.

The evening session was also under the auspices of the press and was addressed by Mr. F. H. Richardson, editor of the Atlanta Journal, and in the treatment of his subject, "The New Chivalry," he proved a speaker at once forceful and eloquent.

On Thursday evening possibly the largest and most interested audience of the week was present to hear a discussion in the form of a symposium on clubs, in which Mrs. Heley, of Chicago; Mrs. Pierce, of Philadelphia, and Miss Crozier took part, followed by an address on "Club Buildings" by the writer. After a brief reference to the Propyleum, of Indianapolis, Ind.; the New Century Club House, in Philadelphia, and the Woman's Club House in Wilmington, Delaware, the speaker gave

man's Building of Knoxville, the methods of raising funds by the disposal of stock and by entertainments; in short, the rise, the progress and the success of this first Woman's Building in the South, were set forth and the various workings of this splendid monument to the Knoxville women's energy and enterprise. As the chairman of the ways and means committee of the Knoxville Woman's Building Association, and as a member of the first committee appointed to work up the Woman's Building, the writer was invited to Birmingham to give the club women there the benefit of the experience of the Knoxville Building Association. Every suggestion in her address, every word of it indeed, was eagerly received, and particularly were the gentlemen in the audience interested listeners. With the true spirit of progress that has already made Birmingham the Chicago of the South, which has given it splendid, wide streets, two spacious parks, great business blocks, untold manufactures, magnificent homes, a beautiful depot where many competing railroads center—yes, with the same spirit that has made so much possible in so short a time.

At the close of the address Judge Black arose, and as the lawyer of the Birmingham Woman's Building Association, presented Mrs. R. H. Pearson, the president of the association, with the charter of the stock company, the stock placed at \$20,000. He assured the ladies of not only the passive interest of the men of Birmingham in their having a building from which so much of moral, intellectual and social value would emanate, and from which, as a center, the women would be enabled to carry on so much work that would help to build up their progressive young city, by raising the standard of its educational and social life and by spreading abroad its fame and advertising it. But he also assured them of the active interest of the men of the community, in taking stock and in disposing of it for the ladies. He promised that in six months the stock would all be subscribed and the corner stone of the Woman's Building be laid.

Judge Black was followed by several gentlemen, all of whom spoke in the same confident, nay almost joyous tone of the immediate success of the undertaking. Nor to the writer, who had felt the interest that every word she had spoken had aroused the enthusiasm and good feelings of the occasion, could there be the least doubt of the fall and abundant fulfillment of the hopes of even the most sanguine.

All the sessions of the Congress, which proved so important a feature of the second week of the State Fair—

splendidly opened the first week by one of the Nation's heroes, Admiral Schley, and the round of magnificent entertainments in his honor—were ably presided over by Mrs. L. Crozier French, to whom Birmingham's indebtedness for many and invaluable suggestions and good works, is fast becoming as great as that of Knoxville's is, to this same talented woman. Mrs. French was secretary of the Woman's Board of the State Fair, while Mrs. R. H. Pearson, wife of Col. Pearson, one of Alabama's most prominent lawyers and leading capitalists, was the able president. Mrs. Pearson is also president of the Birmingham Woman's Club, a large and splendid department club, which is doing fine work along many lines, and of the Woman's Building Association, as before mentioned. These varied and distinguished positions held by Mrs. Pearson at once indicate her unusual executive talent, while her graciousness in her superb home—and as an honored guest within this home the writer knows whereof she speaks—is but an outward manifestation of her genuine and true womanhood.

The success of the State Fair was said to be due to the energy of the women of the State. The closing week was Woman's Week, and besides the very successful sessions of the Congress, a State Conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution occupied an entire day. This was held at the beautiful home of the State Regent, Mrs. Bolton Smith. An elegant luncheon was served; many delegates and regents were in attendance from all over the State—among whom Mrs. George Harrison, of Opelika, is known to many in Knoxville. A most helpful and delightful interchange of plans and ideas resulted. Mrs. Gov. Sims, State Regent of Mississippi, and the writer, one of the two Vice-Presidents-General of the National Society from the South, were the special guests of honor. The earnest interest of the Alabama Daughters in preserving their historical landmarks and in furthering the patriotic and educational interests of their great National Society was absolutely inspiring. The following day, Mrs. Chenoweth gave to the "Daughters" a reception that for elegance and artistic beauty in the exquisite table decorations and color scheme of red, white and blue, the colonial idea carried even to the powdered hair

of the butlers, would have been a credit to any city of the land. Whether writer most enjoyed the ideal South-home-life, with its far-famed South-cooking, or the many splendid social sessions, the crowning one being the Governor's Ball on Friday evening, it is well nigh impossible to decide; but certainly the memory of the hospitality of this new, active Southern city and its manifold advantages will not soon be forgotten. Nor would this notice be complete should she fail to mention the \$1,800 eighteen hundred dollar Victoria and span of horses—perfect beauties as they fairly danced in front of the elegant carriage—presented on the last day of the Fair by Governor Johnston, on behalf of the Fair Association to the most popular woman in Alabama; and a beautiful thousand-dollar phonograph and horse, given the same day to the lady who had sold the largest number of tickets to the Fair.

The committee of ladies who counted the votes in these contests received two dollars per day for their labors, and the secretary of the Woman's Board of the Fair was given a salary.

Mention is made of these facts as indicative of the generosity and bigness with which things are conducted in Birmingham. Money is easily made and lavishly spent. Public spirit and enterprise are in the very air, and an abounding liberality makes everything go with a vim and a rush. No city in the South is on such a rapid upward course as Birmingham.

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